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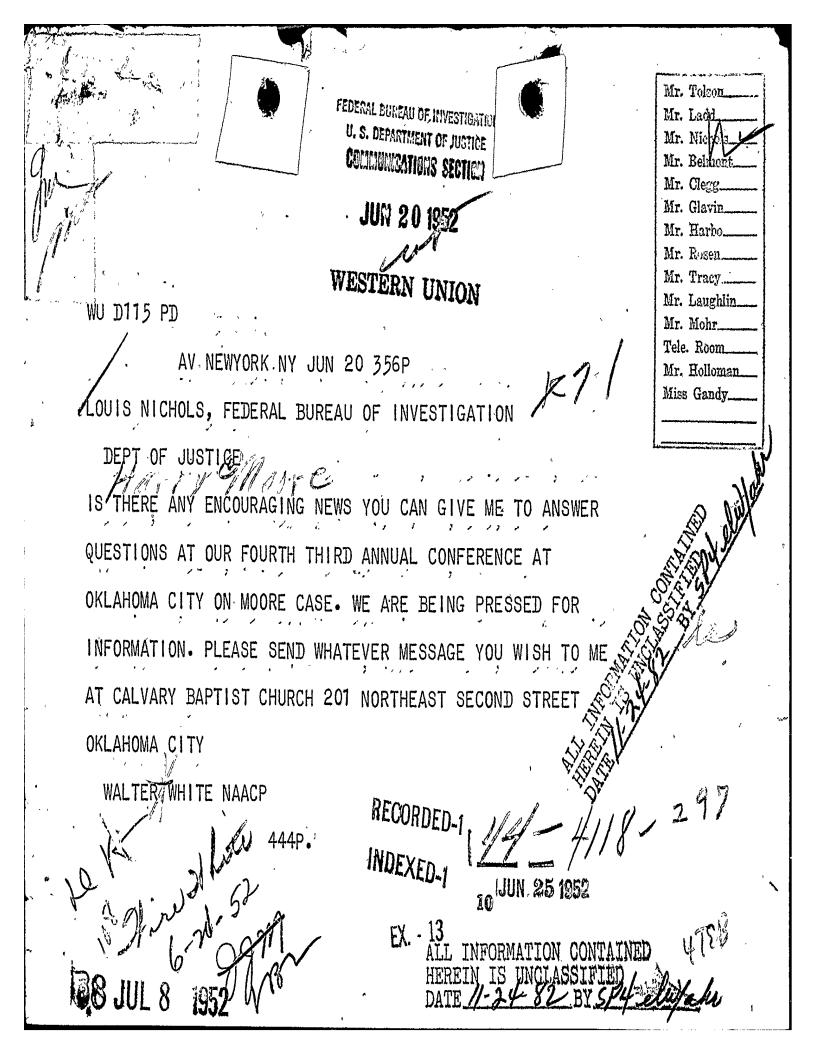
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(46-83) SAC. Mani May 14, 1952 (46-18220)Director, FBI T. W. Reurlet 5-5-52, and report 5/ 5-5-52. Miami. The first sentence in the report reflects that on This date should have 1-3-52 been 1-3-51. It is further noted that in regard to application for Foderal employment he apparently executed Standard Form 57 on 10-4-49, at which time he denied a prior arrest record in answer to Question 28 and denied belonging to any organization which advocates the overthrow of the Covernment of the United States by force or violence in ensuer to Question 26. It would appear that on 1-2-51, he executed Standard Form 58 which is a continuation shoet for Guestion 16, "Application for Federal Employment," Standard Form 57. He apparently executed only Standard Form 58 on 1-2-51, thus bringing the ORIGINAL FILED information in Standard Form 57 up to date. Since the exact date of giving the false statements (10-4-49, 1-2-51, or 1-3-51) is most important for presecution purposed it is necessary that you find out the exact details The desired inforof the execution of those forms by mation should be obtained and corrected pages of the report submitted within seven days from the date of this communication. ec: 44-4118 DST: pdw when DUPLICATE YELLOW

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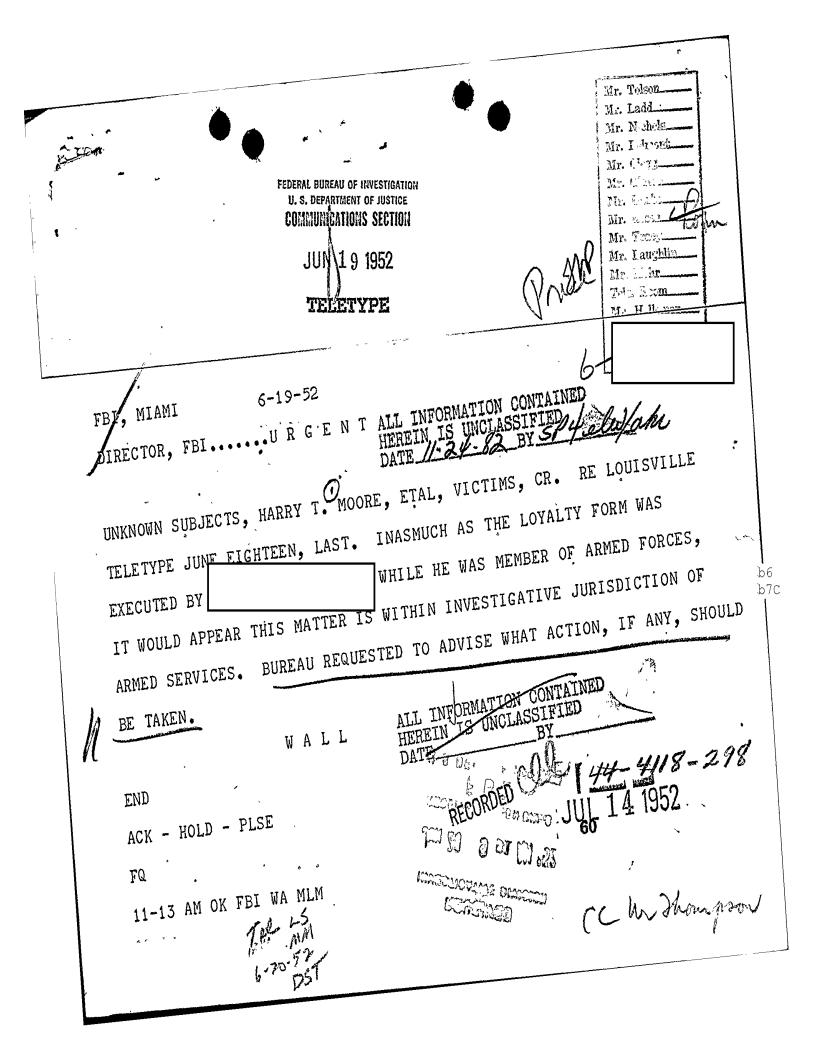
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Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney

May 27, 1952

Director, FBI

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:

HARRY TOMOORE, et al - VICTIMS

CIVIL RIGHTS; CONSPIRACY; FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

with alias
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT
(Your reference 144-18-205)

Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 10, 1952, indicating that investigation should be conducted in regard to present and past members of the Ku Klux Klan, who have violated Section 1001, Title 18, U. S. Code. One conv of the report of Special Agent dated May 16, 1952, at Savannah, and a copy of the Personnel Security Questionnaire executed by on February 28, 1952, are attached. This report reflects that did not list his prior Klan membership on his Personnel Security Questionnaire at the time it was executed.

Reports concerning other similar violations will be forwarded to you as the investigations are completed.

Enclosure

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		Transmitted herewith are two photostatic copies of a Loyalty Certificate for Personnel of the Armed Forces, Form DD 98a;		
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Associations which may be considered as establishing reasonable grounds for lavoking appropriate penalties include but are not limited to membership in, affiliation with, or sympathetic association with, any foreign or domestic organization, association, movement, group or combination of persons having the following characteristics:

1. Yhich practices, seeks to practice or advocates gither

à. denlàl, tó any person, group of persons, or class of persons with a li the United States or territory subject to its jurisdiction, not any right or rights which the Federal Constitution guarantees or protects against encroachment by either or both Federal and State governments when such dehial is attempted by force, violence or intimidation, or

b. alteration, of the existing formof government of the United States of territory subject to lis jurisdiction, or of the existing economic, social or political order within his when such alteration is through or with the all of force, violence or latinglation.

2. Which is disclosed by investigation or is designated by the Attorney General of the United States to be totalliarian, investing communist, or subversive, or is having adopted a policy of advocating or approvating the commission of acts of force of violence to deay persons their rights bider the Constitution of or the United States, or as septing to after the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means regardless, of practice, advocacy of non-advocacy of any of the tenets set forth in i. a. and 1. b. above.

I ČERTIFY, AS REGARDS MEMBERSHIP IN OR ASSOCIATION WITH GERTAIN DRGANIZATIONS, THAT:

1. I HAVE READ THE HISTRUCTIONS ON THE USE OF THIS FORM AND UNDERSTAND THEM.

2.) HAYÊ RÊÂD THE PROVISIONS APPLY (NG TO NEMBERSHIP IN ÔR ASSOCIATION WITH CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS AND I UNDERSTAND THEM.

3. I HAVE READ, AND SO SIGNIFIED BY SIGNING. THE ATTACHED LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, HOVEMENTS, GROUPS. AND COMBINATIONS OF PERSONS LISTED ON THIS FORM.

4. I HAYE ENTERED IN THE TABLE BELOW THE NAME(S) OF THE ORGANIZA-TION(S) SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED LIST WITH WHICH I AH ON HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING RESPECTS.

a. I AH OR HAVE BEEN A HEMBER.

b. I AH OR HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED.

C. I HAVE ATTENDED OR BEEN PRESENT AT FORMAL OR INFORMAL HEETINGS OR GATHERINGS.

d. I HAYE ATTENDED. BEEN PRESENT AT. OR ENGAGED IN, ORGANIZATIONAL OR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OR ACTIVITIES WHICH THEY SPONSORED.

e. I HAVE SOLD, GIVEN AWAY, OR DISTRIBUTED WEITTEN, PRINTED, OR OTHER-WISE RECORDED NATTER PUBLISHED BY THEN.

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5. IF) HAVE HAD NO SUCH ASSOCIATIONS, I HAVE SO INDICATED BY WAITING

8. (UNDERSTAND THAT IF WHAT I STATE BELOW IS FOUND TO BE INCORRECT. INCOMPLETE, OR MISLEADING IN ANY IMPORTANT PARTICULAR. I MAY BE SUB-JECT TO PROSECUTION AND PUNISHMENT UNDER THE APPROPRIATE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES

7: I UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF THE STATEMENTS HADE IN THE CERTIFICATIONS ABOVE.

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LOYALTY CERTIFICATE FOR PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES

INSTRUCTIONS ON THE USE OF THIS PORM

The Department of Defense has the authority to establish and promulgate detailed procedures to implement the national policy relating to loyalty of persons entering on duty with the Armed Forces. This has been determined by appropriate authority to include restrictions as to membership in or association with certain organizations and of certala standards of conduct. If Pederal Constitutional Privilege against self-crimination; i.e., the making of a statement which will expose you to criminal trial, is claimed about all or any part of any conduct, memberskip or association in question you may so claim by stating in the space indicated "Pederal Constitutional Privilege is Claimed or "Pederal Constitutional Privilege is Claimed as to---describing the apecific part of any conduct, membership or association tloi about which claim is made.

Concealment of, misrepresentation as to, or failure to divulge in full, conduct of associations of the character set forth in the provisions, at the time of execution of these certificates in any component of the Department, of Defense may constitute grounds for discharge, separation or other disposition of personnel, and action shall be taken by the Armed Porces for causing trial before a general court martial, or the facts will be made known to appropriate civil authorities, as the law may provide in such cases. Upon indication that any person has misrepresented, concealed, or failed to divulge in full previous conduct or associations of the character set forth, the Service baring responsibility thereof shall take appropriate action.

Consequently, you must read the following provisions as to member ship in or association with certain organizations and as to standards of conduct very carefully and be sure you understand them. If there is anything which you do not understand in either of these sets of provisions or in the certifications to be made, ask a commissioned officer to explain them to you. Then you are certain that you understand both the provisions and the certificates, complete the certilicates and aign them in the presence of a witnessing officer, Penaltles for making a false statement may be very severes

PROVISIONS AS TO STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

- 1. Conduct which may be considered as establishing reasonable grounds for invoking appropriate penalties shall include, but is not limited to, one or more of the following:
- a. Sabotago, explonage, or attempts or preparations therefor, or intimate and sympathetic associations with or voluntary assistance to . d. intentional unauthorized disclosure to any person under circumstanpersons who the subject of investigation has reasonable cause to bolieve may be aplea or saboteurs.
- b. Treason, sedition, or writings and acts which can reasonably be considered as intended to encourage sedictions or rreasonable opinions
- .c. Advocacy of royolution or of force or violence to alter the existing constitutional form of government of the United States; advocacy of revolution of of lorge of violence to bring about economic, political, or social change.
- "aes which may liddleate disloyalty to the United States, or documents or information of a classified or non-public character.
- e. Acting, attempting to act, or knowingly failing to act when such conduct is calculated to serve the laterests of another government in preference to the laterests of the United States of America.
- I CERTIFY, AS REGARDS THE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT, THAT :---
- 1. I HAVE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE USE OF THIS FORM AND I UNDER-STAND THEM.
- A HAVE READ THE PROVISIONS APPLYING TO THE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND I UNDERSTAND THEM. 2 . 4.
- 3; IF I HAVE ENGAGED: IN ANY SUCH CONDUCT. I HAVE SO INDICATED BY DESCRIBING IN THE STATEMENT BELOW THE HATURE THEREOF.
- 4. IF I HAVE NOT ENGAGED IN ANY SUCH CONDUCT, I HAVE SO INDICATED BY

WRITING "HONE" OR "HONE TO MY KNOWLEDGE" IN THE STATEMENT BELOW:

- 5. 1. UNDERSTAND THAT IF WHAT I STATE BELOW IS FOUND TO BE INCORRECT; INCOMPLETE, OR MISLEADING IN ANY IMPORTANT PARTICULAR, I HAY BE SUB-JECT TO PROSECUTION AND PUNISHMENT UNDER THE APPROPRIATE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.
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ARE IMPRESSED WITH HIS INTELLIGENCE AND FEEL THAT HE HAS CONSIDERABLE
INFORMATION RE MOORE CASE BUT WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL HANDLING TO OBTAIN.
THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT, MIGHT BE INVOLVED. GENERAL
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AND IS NOT INTERESTED IN POSSIBLE REWARD AT THIS TIME. MEMBERS OF $\frac{b70}{b70}$
KLAN IDENTIFIED BY AS MOST ACTIVE AND POSSIBLE SUSPECTS ARE
MEMBERS OF THE ORLANDO KLAVERN, AGK, WHICH HERETOFORE HAS BEEN INVES-
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BEEN AFFORDED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE AS IN CASE OF BELVIN AND BROOKLYN
OF THE WINTER GARDEN DASH APOPKA KLAVERN. ON BASIS THIS INFORMATION,
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MATTER TO AFFORD THIS NEW CHANNEL EXPEDITIOUS AND CONTINUOUS INVESTIGATION. I AM HAVING SURVEY MADE AS TO POSSIBILITY FOR AFFORDING COMPLETE COVERAGE OF PRINCIPAL SUSPECTS AND MY RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED IN VERY NEAR FUTURE IN THIS REGARD. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT THE SUCCESSFULNESS WILL BE LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO CAUTIOUS BUT PROGRESSIVE MANNER IN WHICH THIS INFORMANT WILL BE HANDLED. AGENTS HANDLING HIM ARE CONSTANTLY ALERT FOR POSSIBILITY OF A PLANT OR FALSE INFORMATION. FULL DETAILS WILL BE FURNISHED BY AMSD LETTER.

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Director, FBI July 1, 1952 SAC, Miami unenoun surfects: Combings of Carver Village, Edison Center, Miami, Florida, 17-1 9-22-51 and 11-30-51; CIVIL RIGHTS UNKNOUN SUBJECTS; HARRY T, MOORE, V MOORE, Victim; HARRIET (MOORE, Victim (deceased); CIVIL RIGHTS Unimoun subjects: ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED Bombings of Jewish Temples, Schools and Centers, Miami, Florida; CIVIL RIGHTS Special Assistant to the Attorney General, telephonically contacted me and in discussing other matters stated that he planned to devote the week of July 7, 1952, to going over the above-captioned cases with me and the Agents handling the investigations. He said that he intended to get the facts as we had developed them and hit the high points of the investigations. Open conclusion of this review, he said that he plans to go to Washington for a three weeks period to thoroughly review and digest all of our reports and to outline a method of attack in these cases. stated that Assistant U. S. Attorney man suggested that the new Federal Grand Jury which is being impaneled July 14, 1952, be apprised by me of the significance of these investigations and that I generally outline the facts as we have developed them to the Grand Jury. Mr. reason behind this is to get the jurisdiction of these cases firmly implanted in the new Federal Grand Jury so that when the Federal Grand Jury investigating local crime reconvenes in September, there will be no possible repercussions from that Grand Jury for not having these cases presented to them. I indicated that he did not feel this was necessary but that he wanted to discuss it with both and me further. 44-416 NOT LECORDED Rev: Jhu. 89 JUL 10 1952 INITIAES ON ORIGINAL 60 JUL 15 1952



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e.	ntad that he demand to a manager
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opinion is the most com	petent Judge to hear this case in this
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	required under any circumstances to testify in connection with this case	
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appears to be more intelligent and botter educated than the everage Klansman. He steadfastly maintained that he is in no very interested in a moretary reward for any information he wight furnish. fact, he stated he joined the Clan notivated by a sense of revenge incsmuch as he was a victim of a wriden by the Klan. He has reluctant to give all the details of the wrider although he stated he had parked by the road with a unian other than his wife and while purked there he ass taken from the car by too individuals. forced to lie on the ground, as thich time he received a flogging. He is certain that the group the flogged him were members of the Flan but as of this date he is not certain of their identities and is interested in escertaining their identities for revenge. He stated he is personally not in agreement with Klan terrorist activities and on a number of occasions he has been instrumental in preventing wislence. He said that if he knew the identity of the individuals who did the actual bombing at lines. Florida, he would divulze such information to the FBI.

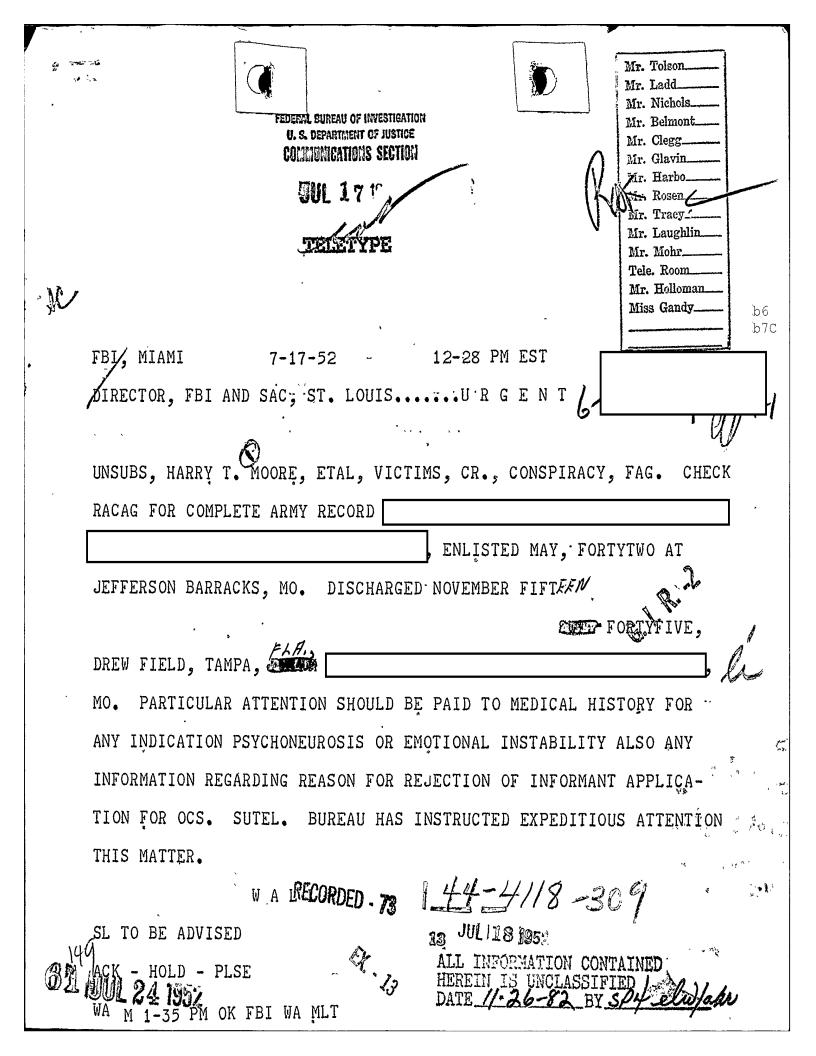
During the interviews he has given the impression that even if he does not know the persons who did the actual bombing he has information which might lead to the acceptaining of the identity of such individuals. During the course of interview it was impressed uson to be fract in his discussion of Klan activities so that any derogatory information which might be divulged against him, particularly in relation to whides, might not operate to discredit him in the eyes of the Agents. He thereafter voluntarily furnished the information regarding his participation in the beating of and the trip made with other Clamsman is beating of Morida. At that time he stated those were the only accepting on which he has participated in any acts of violence in connection with that activities.

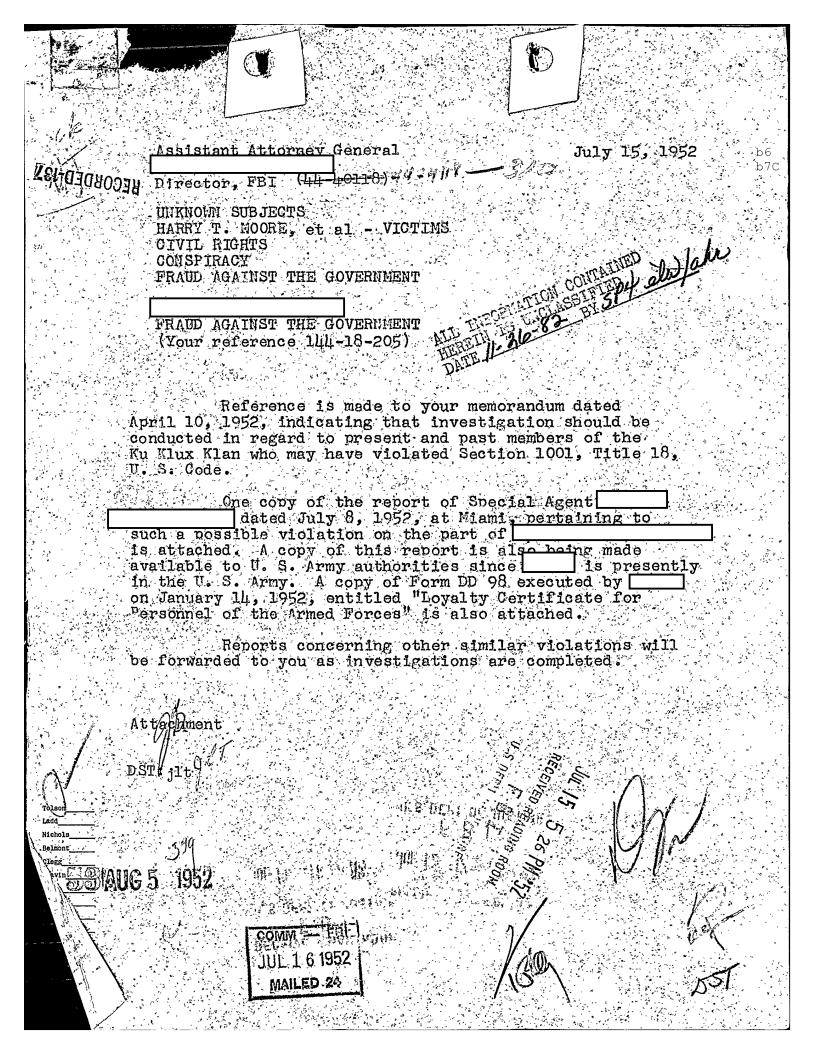
It is realized that the attitude of this informant is strange. The Agents handling him are particularly alert for any possible chicanery. His story with regard to his entrance into the Klan and the purpose been hind in leave some question of doubt. It is known that he is friendly with the Klan members enumerated in this letter and that these members are the type of individuals the would engage in terrorist activities. Extreme caution will be utilized in contacting this informant and for the time being he will be afforded all of the discreetness surrounding the contacting of an informant.

Intensive investigation is being conducted regarding this present whereabouts, and the other members mentioned. It is not believed this informant can be "shoved" but will have to be handled diplomatically. If it appears at any time that he is not being truthful the Bureau will be advised immediately and consideration will be given to recommending possible prosecution under the Obstruction of Justice statute.

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fice Memorandum • united states government Director, FET (44-4036) July 8, 1952 DATE: SAC, Medi. (44-270) FROM. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; HARRY T. MCORE (DECEASED) SUBJECT: HARRIETT MOORE (DECEASED) VICTIMS CIVIL RIGHTS CONSPIRACY FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT ReButel 6-20-52. Pursuant to instructions set forth in referenced teletype; was interviewed at the Orlando, Florida Resident Agency, at thich time he furnished a signed statement of his Klan merbership and affiliations. The enclosed report sets forth the signod statement which covers in detail, according to _____, all of his activity and participation in the Ku Klux Klan. It is to be noted that no reference is made to any possible violation of Section 1001, Title 18, with regard to in accord with the instructions in referenced teletype. SIFIPH elufaki TEM: nsb. Enclosures (5) RECORDED-137

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"Orlando, Florida July 3, 1952

IIT make the following voluntary statement and FRANK F. MEECH who have identified themselves to me to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement. I realize I do not have to make any statement and that any statement made by me may be used against me in a court of law. I have been advised that I am entitled to have an attorney. "I was born the son of I have resided in Apopka all my life. On January 14, 1952 enlisted in the U.S. Army. My serial number is and at the present time I am assigned to "On May 7. 1949 I married A few weeks before my marriage I joined the Ku Klux Klan at Apopka, Florida after having been approached to join the Klan by my father-in-law to be, The main reason I joined the Klan was to gain favor with because he was opposed to my marrying his daughter. As I recall I paid only part of the ini(ti)atory fee and dues for 1949. I was given a membership card which was never renewed because I never paid any more dues. "I was active in the Klan for only a short period after joining. It is my recollection that I attended six or seven meetings. At the time I joined and was active in the Klan was the Exalted Cyclops. The only other persons I recall that were officers in the Klavern were who acted on occasions, BOGAR, _, and 'I do not recall their exact titles and positions. Other individuals I recall as being active in the Klan at that time were MARION EDWARD WADE and HARVEY RETSNER, LESTER HARDEE, WALTER GODING,

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"I have never taken part in any 'rides'or terrorist activity	
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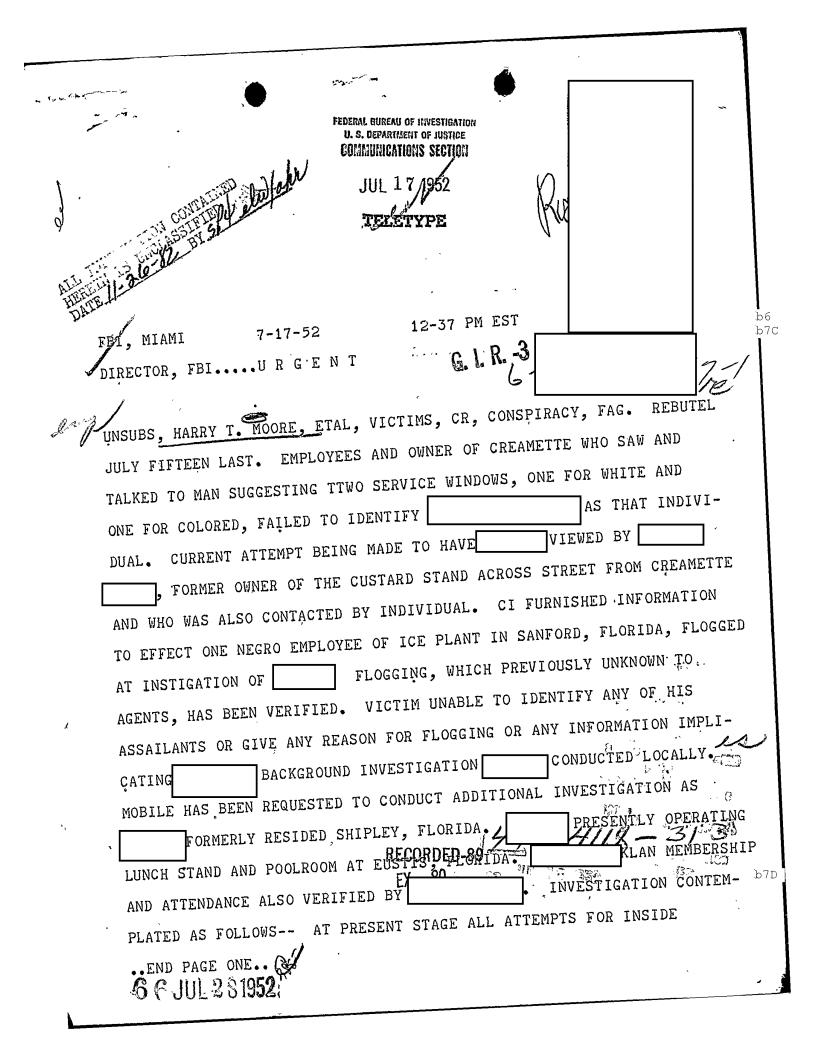
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July 15, 1952 VIA LIAISON Date: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 Department of the Army The Pentagon Washington 25, D. C. Attention: Chief, Security Division From: John "dgar Hoover, Director-Federal Bureau of Investigation UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
HARRY T. TOORS, et al - VICTIMS Subject: CIVIL RIGHTS. CONSPIRACY PRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT At the specific request of the Attorney General of the United States, this Bureau has been conducting an investiwife at "Nims, Florida, on December 25, 1951. During the course of this investigation, information was obtained that possibly certain members of the Ku Klux Klan were involved in this case. Accordingly, investigation in regard to these individuals was conducted. In the course of the foregoing investigation, it. was at one time a member was learned that of the Klan group under investigation. Consequently, he was interviewed in regard to his Klan activities and any information that he might have pertaining to this case. Since is presently a private in the United States Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky, there is enclosed a spy of the report of Special Agent dayed. July 8, 1952, at Miami, Florida, reflecting tne rosults in regard to hit/Man/activities cylhished to you for Fur tylogmet to hand f interview with report is being furnished to you for such action as you deem appropriate, VRDED - 95

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MO 44-175 Blackburn Funeral Home, advised he is the financial secretary of the local lodge of Woodmen of the World. He stated that he recalled well, because he came to Chipley about three or four years ago Hewas a good worker, friendly and conscientious. was a smooth talker and a good salesman. He recalled that there was some trouble about but cannot recall any details. also reported that he is sure there has never been any Ku Klux Klan activity in the Chipley, Florida area. He also reported there is no local Gredit Bureau. advised that he owned a two story building on Main Street in Chipley. He recalled that several years ago a man by the name of who was of the Woodmen Of The World, came to him and inquired about renting the upstairs, to be used as a meeting hall for that oron several occasions, found ganization. He said he talked to him to be a very convincing talker, friendly and fairly well educated. He said traded with him a good bit, until he wanted to buy some clothes on credit and he would not sell them to him. He said he recalled that asked him if he did not trust him and he stated he told that he did not do a Teft and never came back to the store. credit business. Deputy Sheriff, advised he recalled who lived in Chipley about three years ago for a was connected with Woodmen Of He said he knew The World. According to One day she was in the Local movie house; and who is considered a local character around Chipley, was accused of attempting to fondle her. was very angry about the matter and talked to him several times about it. He said told him he was leaving Chipley to keep from killing disappeared and he did not know what happened to him, but thought he recalled that moved to Sanford, Florida. had a good character further advised in the community, and that he, had found him to be a very also's tated he is sure there are no Ku Klux high type man. Klan activities around Chipley. He said he did not believe there is a single member of the organization in the County. According has no criminal record to his knowledge and he would have known if had been arrested while he lived in said there is no Credit Bureau in Chipley but he Chipley.

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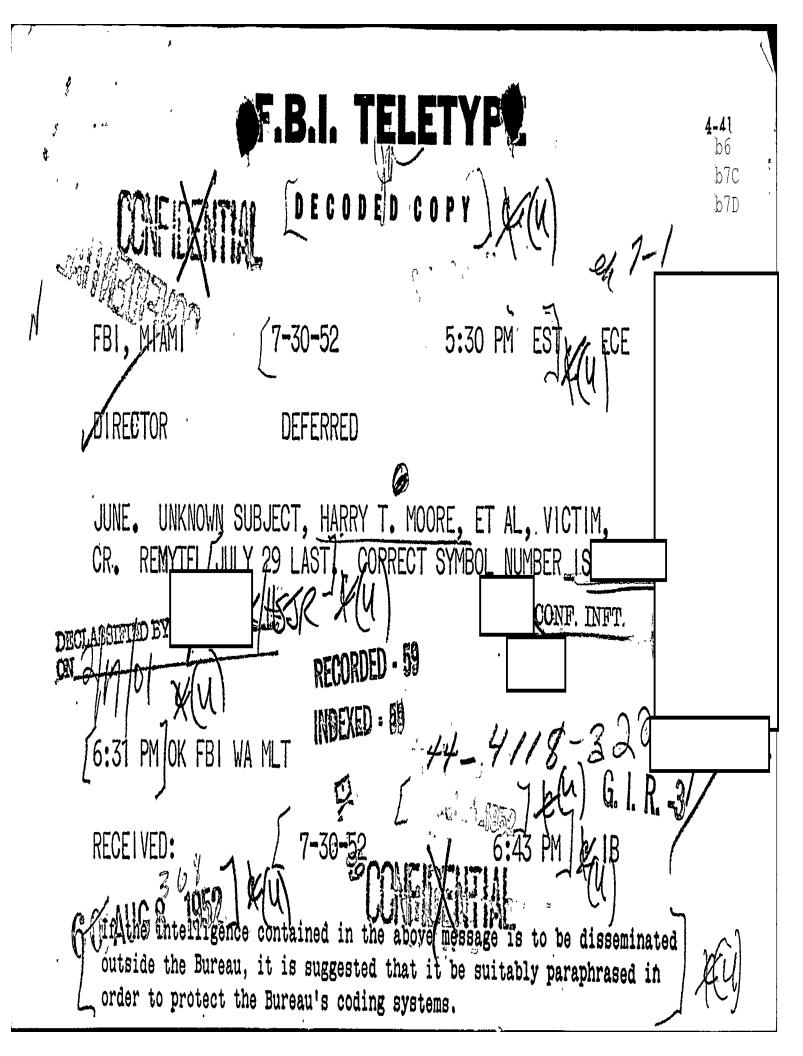
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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

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Florida, was re-contacted in this matter on July 28, 1957 at which time he stated that he had been unable to develop any further pertinent information of value in this case.

periodic contacts will be had with him from time to time. event any information is obtained from him which might have a possible bearing on this case, the Miami Office will immediately be name should not be divulged to any persons outadvised. side the Bureau. RUC

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chooting-flogging of negro taxicab driver at Winter Garden, Florida 1-12-52. States cussed HARRY T. MOORE before bombing stating something had to be done about MOORE; also that LANGDALE considered dynamite expert and one who prepared bomb for CREAMETTE. Owners of CREAMETTE and CUSTARD Stand, also 2 employees of CREAMETTE, all of whom saw man who made statements regarding opening service windows for negroes, viewed and all stated identical with that man. T-2 endeavoring to obtain additional information regarding statement re MOORE bombing as well as whether or not Orlando Klavern involved.

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DETAILS:

This is a joint report of Special Agents FRANK F. MEECH and

AT FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA.

On 3	ulv 2. 1952	was rec	ontacted
		where	is employed as
a production man.	stated he has been	unable to obta	ain any additional
information since he was	last contacted addi	ng that he ha	s, because of his
employment, been unable	to make any addition	al visits to	Orlando or the
Winter Garden areas.	7	•	

AT ORLANDO, FLORIDA.

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that he has seen and talked to many members of the Winter Garden Klavern of the Association of Georgia Klans, of which he also is a member, but had not learned of any information pertinent to the MOORE case or any other terrorist activity.

The informant stated there is considerable concern among the Klan members since the announcement appeared in the newspapers concerning the Federal Grand Jury at Miami which was going to be convened and which would hear the HARRY T. MOORE case. He said that most Klan members who have been interviewed by FBI Agents are anticipating being called to testify before the Grand Jury.

The informant reiterated the thinking of the Klansmen in that they intend to answer all questions truthfully before the Federal Grand Jury for fear they might be indicted for perjury. He said the Klansmen felt secure in that no persons will be indicted because of the lack of federal jurisdiction.

The informant stated that there was only one Klan meeting in the area at the present time, that being a combined meeting of Orlando, Winter Garden and Apopka Klaverns, the meeting night being each Monday.

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AT TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA.

	The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents and	
	, Florida East Coast Railway Station, was interviewed on June 10, 1952. stated he recalls that Mrs. ROSA MOORE arrived in Titusville on December 22, 1951 from Jacksonville, Florida. He said that after alighting from the train she told him she wished to find a taxicab to take her to the MCORE residence at Mims, Florida.	
	stated he located a cab driven by an employee of THOMPSON Cab Company and thereafter Mrs. MOORE left in this cab to go to the HARRY T. MOORE residence at Mims, Florida. According to Mrs. MOORE was the only person in the cab other than the white cab driver, when the cab left the railway station.	
	stated he has been personally acquainted with the MOORE family since 1933 and was aware of the fact HARRY T. MOORE formerly taught school at Titusville and Mims, Florida. stated he positively recalls at one time MOORE stated that he and his wife, HARRIETT, had been fired from their teaching positions at Mims, Florida, because of their work in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.	
	stated he did not have any other information in this regard, other than the oral statements made by MOORE. He also advised MOORE was highly regarded among the colored folk in the area and to knowledge, MOORE had never received any threats against his life. He said that the bombing of the MOORE residence came as a complete surprise to him inasmuch as he did not believe that anyone would have directed such violation against MCORE inasmuch as MOORE was a man of excellent character.	,
j	Company, advised that during December, 1951 he had in his employ one who drove the taxicab at times when was not so occupied. It is stated he did not know HARRY T. MOORE or any member of the MOORE family and does not recall having transported any of the MOORE family during December, 1951. He said that in all probability, if there had been such a passenger, the cab at that time would have been driven by	b6 b7C

TEH: JIS MI 44-270 b6 b7C advised that is now employed by in the grass cutting business on Merritt Island. The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents on July 11, 1952: Titusville, Florida, advised he is presently employed in the grass cutting He stated he formerly drove a cab for which employment lasted approximately from December 1, 1951 to January 31, 1952. He said he recalled having picked up a colored woman as a fare at the Florida East Coast Railroad Station in Titusville a few days before Christmas Day, 1951 and taking her to Mims, Florida. He said he did not know who this woman was nor did he know the exact destination to which she went. He stated he followed her directions regarding turns off the highway and on to side roads until he reached a house located off the Old Dixie Highway in Mims, Florida. He advised no one has interrogated him concerning this passenger, her destination or anything whatsoever regarding her. He said he did not know his passenger was Mrs. ROSA MOORE and did not know that the MOORE residence was the destination of her trip. He said he did not know anything about HARRY T. MOORE or his family and was not aware of the fact he had taken the colored woman to MOORE's home until after the bombing at Mims, Florida, when he learned from talk and the newspapers that the MOORE house had been bombed. stated that he has never belonged to the Ku Klux Klan or b6 any other secret organization. He also disclaimed any knowledge of any b7C Klan activity at Titusville or Mims, Florida. He added that he does not have any information concerning the bombing of the MOORE residence or the persons responsible for such bombing. AT ORLANDO, FLORIDA. Confidential Informant T-2, of unknown reliability, an active member

of the Orlando Klavern of the Association of Georgia Klans, furnished the

following information

regarding activity of Klan members of the Orlando Klavern of the Association of Georgia Klans. The informant stated he is furnishing this information on a strictly confidential basis and under no circumstances would he be willing to testify to any of this information before any Grand Jury inasmuch as he is confident in his own mind that he and his family would both suffer detriment at the hands of the Klan members who are involved in the related incidents.

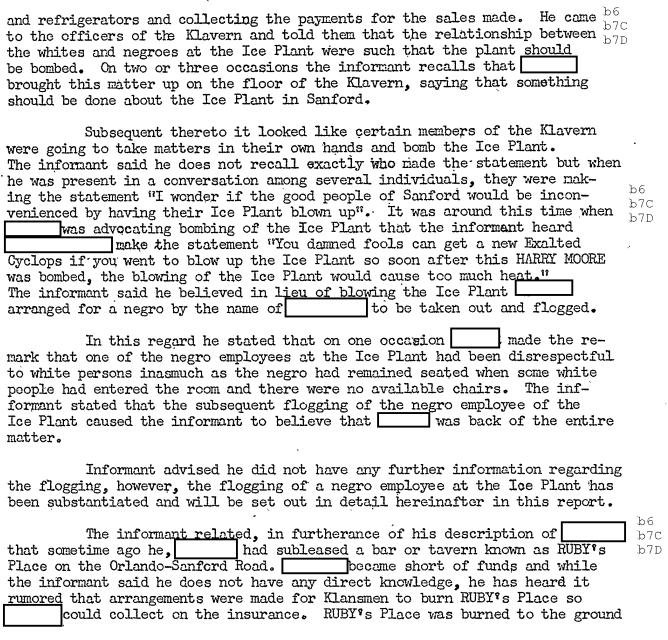
He also expressed fear of losing his present employment because of known Klan affiliation but stated his greatest fear is that of bodily harm to himself and family. He pointed out that he has been closely associated with members of the Klavern and is confident that his evaluation of these individuals as being persons who would, without hesitation, do great harm to both himself and his family.

The informant stated that in the past it has been a practice of	
a number of the Klan members to	.b6
discuss Klan matters. He said that a short time following the MOORE	b7C
bombing one who has been active in the Orlando Klavern	b7D
of the Association of Georgia Klans during the time of the informant's	
affiliation, came to	
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FBI investigation in the MOORE case. He said they discussed	b7C
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willing was discussedmade a statement to the effect that without the MOORE bombing) sure did a good jobin the	t .
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The informant said that he believed made such a statement after remark to the effect that whoever did the MOORE bombing certainly did a good job. The informant feels that this bolstered ego and he wanted to let know he had played a big part in the event.
The conversation lead the informant to believe that was along with someone else, however, no mention was made by of any particular individual. Nothing more was said concerning the MOORE case at this time and did not further question because at the time was not interested in HARRY MOORE or who participated in the bombing.
It was at this time and during this conversation that mention was made by of casing the CREAMETTE. By way of the terminology used the informant related that the casing was probably nothing more than going to the CREAMETTE and telling the owner that he should have two service windows, one for negroes and one for whites.
The informant said that after the above conversation which, to the best of his recollection, took place sometime around the latter part of went immediately to
was noncormittal and did not indicate at this time that he had any knowledge of the participants in the MOORE bombing. attitude that he would get to to see that was more judicious in his discussion of KLAN activities.

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became affiliated with the Orlando Klavern of the Association of	
Georgia Klans. He stated that on two occasions brought prospective	1
The informant described as being a lazy individual who would get by with the least amount of effort in all of his activities. The in-	b6 b7C b7D
formant related that has contacted him on numerous occasions request- ing has	
also endeavored to get	•
a job on the City payroll; the informant's opinion being that merely wanted a soft job.	
He described as a regular attendant at the Klan meetings and an associate of and and He said that is also an associate of one (phonetic), a Klansman from Sanford, Florida, who operates a Gulf Station in Sanford and also of Sanford, Florida.	
The informant further described as an individual who would do anything on his own if he could get some additional Klansmen to assist him. He said the various members of the Orlando Klavern have been considerably concerned about because they were afraid he would make a statement to some persons where it could get to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.	b6 b7C b7D
Enlarging upon this the informant said that he has heard on two or three occasions get up on the floor of the Klavern and make the statement that the CREAMETTE has not as yet gotten two service windows, one for negroes and one for whites, and therefore something should be done about it. These matters are never brought up on a Klavern floor and was out of order in making such statements.	•
To further describe the informant said that was employed at the Ice Plant in Sanford in a position of selling ice boxes	

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with all liquor stock being destroyed. Additional information regarding this matter will be reported subsequently.

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In regard to the bombing of the CREAMETTE at Orlando, Florida at approximately 1:30 A.M. on November 2, 1951, the informant furnished the following information: At approximately Was telephonically contacted by Orlando Klavern Association of Georgia Klans. The informant explained that the Klavern meeting hall and that was wanted for particupation in a "ride". The informant stated he immediately drove out to the Klavern meeting hall, located on Route 50 between Orlando and Winter Garden. Florida. He stated when he arrived at the hall a group of Klansmen had assembled, those being present were and one (identified as A short time thereafter arrived with car. Informant stated a short time thereafter also arrived and although the informant does not recall how came to the Klavern Hall, it is the informant's opinion that arrived in automobile. In this regard the informant advised and undoubtedly came together. Informant observed that automobile was also parked near the Klavern Hall and it is the informant's opinion that came in the latter's automobile. Informant also observed old Dodge parked near the Klavern hall. After the group had begun to assemble came forward as a spokesman and made the statement they were going to take care of the CREAMETTES (CREAMETTE and FROZEN CUSTARD Stand). Thereafter

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containing five sticks of dynamite taped together and into three sticks of each bundle there had been inserted a cap and fuse. The fuses were approximately 8° in length and were bound together at short intervals with tape, as were the sticks of dynamite. The informant stated that after the remarks made by	b7I
According to the informant also stated that they would place the dynamite bembs on the counters of each stand and place upon the dynamite a sand bag which would cause the force of the explosion to go into the stands, resulting in more confined damage to the establishment.	
anything about dynamite but he felt that five sticks of dynamite would not only completely destroy the stands but might also cause considerable other property damage and possibly injure people in the vicinity. Thereafter using rubber gloves, reduced the number of sticks to three.	,
In seeing working with rubber gloves, remarked to him that he didn't see why he had to use rubber gloves as no finger-prints could be found on the dynamite, to which replied "We cannot take any chances".	b6 b7C b7D
also remonstrated with the group not to blow up both CREAMETTES and at that time decided the Custard Stand would not be blown up but the CREAMETTE would be bombed.	
Thereafter left the Klavern hall in their automobiles and drove to Wadsworth's Used Car Lot. 801 Central Avenue, Orlando. was driving a 1941 Plymouth; was driving a 1946 Mercury, a faded out bronze color.	· ·
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He said it is a practice and habit of Klansmen who participate on a

"ride" never to discuss the matter once the deed has been done. 'Occasionally

prior to the bombing. Said the individual with whom he had this discussion was not nearly as heavy and well built as He stated his suspect had a darker complexion and was more "pot bellied" but was considerably lighter in the shoulders and arms area. Stated the person with whom he talked indicated he had come from either North Carolina or South Carolina and made some reference in the conversation to the operation of a trucking business. According to this conversation lasted some fifteen minutes.	ъ6 ъ7с
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Photographs of JAMES B. JOHNSON, EARL J. BROOKLYN, and LLOYD HATCH were exhibited to and he stated that none of these individuals were identical with the man who approached him concerning two service windows in his stand.	b6 b7С
The informant was advised that the individuals who allegedly observed at the time he "cased" the Custard Stands, had failed to identify him, stated that he could not understand this as references had been made on numerous occasions about being the individual that had handled that particular matter. He was unable to state the exact times but he recalled that at the time they were preparing the bomb at the Klan hall, made the statement that had already warned the CREAMETTE.	b6 b7C b7D
On another occasion he heard the Exalted Cyclops, tell to stay away from the vicinity of the CREAMETTE for fear he might be identified. He was told on another occasion by that he, had driven in an parked on the LOVETTS? Super Market parking lot, which is immediately adjacent to the CREAMETTE, and he had observed the owner of the CREAMETTE watching him very closely and stated he thought perhaps the owner might have recognized him.	b6 b7C b7D

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found that he was not at home. They were discussing the situation generally while all three cars were parked on 9th Street in Winter Garden between the new Route 50 and the old Route 50.

While the cars were parked on 9th Street one of the men said that a taxicab driven by a negro had just gone by and the driver had made an obscene remark to the men and someone in the group made the statement "Let's get him, he cannot talk to us like that".

	the entire group jumping into their three automobiles chasing the negro taxi-
	cab car was leading the group followed by Olds-
	mobile and Ford brought up the rear. A shotgun which was owned
	by and obtained by him on the instructions of
	was carried by in J. B. JOHNSON's Henry J.
	They chased the taxicab south on 9th Street to Route 50, turning west and while driving west on Route 50, leaned out the window of the Henry J and fired the shotgun into the taxicab driven by Shortly after the shot was fired the blue Henry J. overtook the
	taxicab driver and forced him off the road.
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	On still another occasion told he didn't know what he would tell the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the event he was identified as the individual warning the owners of the custard stands. He said he had been advised by some of the individuals to emphatically deny being the one, even though he were identified, and, secondly, to admit that he had discussed with the owners the obtaining of two service windows but that was purely on his own volition inasmuch as he had visited there many times with his own family and had been pushed aside at the window by negroes.
	The informant stated that there is no question in his mind about being the individual who "cased" the custard stands.
	In regard to any Klan terrorist activity in which has been engaged the informant furnished the following information:
	Informant stated that early in January three negroes had appeared at Joel's Used Car lot in Orlando and while discussing automobiles, became involved in an altercation with a white salesman, the result being one of the negroes cut the throat of the white man.
\	It was shortly after this event together with several other Klansmen, were at BILL JAMES' Service Station on the Orange Blossom Trail. told one to go home and obtain his shotgun, which did. Thereafter a ride was made up in three automobiles consisting of
'	and JAMES B. JOHNSON.
	The automobiles used on this particular ride were the 1950 blue HENRY J. owned and driven by J. B. JOHNSON with as the only other occupant. A 1948 blue four-door Oldsmobile sedan, owned and driven by as occupants.
ſ	A 1947 maroon or red Ford business coupe owned and driven by with

The three cars with the above named individuals proceeded to Winter Garden looking for one of the negroes involved in the altercation at Joel's Used Car Lot, the intention allegedly being to turn the negro over to the Orlando Police Department. The informant stated he does not recall the name of the negro they were looking for. This negro resided in Winter Gardan, Florida and the group

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handed a rubber hose approximately 3° long
and was told that he should beat
struck five or six times.
\the hose was taken Thereafter
"laid it on".
After was flogged, the suggestion was made by
that they beat the small ten or eleven year old negro boy
After the flogging of the entire group broke up returning to Orlando and he did not see any of the group later that evening.
The informant recalled that J. B. JOHNSON was considerably upset over firing the shotgun at the taxicab and he has heard J. B. JOHNSON make the statement that he did not want anything to do with a group of men who would go on such a ride and even resort to shooting firearms with no apparent reason behind it other than the possible cursing or obscene language used by the negro taxicab driver.
In this regard the informant stated that the entire ride after was based upon one man who said he heard the negro make the statement. did not hear the negro say anything as his taxicab passed the group.
The informant stated to the best of his knowledge the shotgun used by and owned by was taken by J. B. JOHNSON and he heard that J. B. JOHNSON threw it in a lake to dispose of it.
Confidential Informant T-2 advised that
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was in the hospital at Eustis, Florida,

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he could get away. He was told by to come to Eustis, which
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Arriving in Eustis he spottedStudebaker Commander
parked at the restaurant on the main street and observed and
in the restaurant. He advised he turned his car around, parked
and thereafter had lunch with and He estimated the
time as about 1 P.M.
After the three had had lunch they came out of the restaurant and told to follow him and both cars were driven to the
parking lot of a super market about one block from the Eustis Hospital.
parked his car near a big tree on the parking lot
put a canvas bag which contained
a sawed off double barrel shotgun, pieces of pipe and brass knuckles. slid over and said to "You drive, you know where you
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The informant also advised that a short time after numerous Klansmen were being interviewed by FBI Agents in the Orlando area, was contacted by and told that "There is a job to be done and we want your help". Thereafter and proceeded in automobile to the residence of located near Sanford, Florida. The group loaded three cases of dynamite which had been stored in one of the fish houses in the rear of residence. is engaged as a commercial fisherman.	
Thereafter and proceeded to a lot located across from the Orlando Air Base on the Cheney Highway, just inside the city limits of Orlando. This piece of property was later determined to be the corner property of Cheney Highway and Herman Street. the dynamite was thereafter unloaded from the automobile and placed in some lumber in a small shack located on the aforementioned piece of property.	b6 b7c b7D
Informant stated he does not have any information as to the origin of the dynamite, the persons responsible for obtaining the dynamite, the reason the dynamite was at residence, as well as the purpose for which it had been carried to the shack in Orlando. In this regard he stated there was absolutely no discussion regarding the dynamite but merely the statement made by that the dynamite had to be moved.	b6 b7C b7D
He said he has been under the impression that the lot is the property of but he has no information to substantiate such a belief. He also advised that after the dynamite was placed in the shack the party departed and there has been absolutely no further discussion whatsoever regarding the act of moving the dynamite, however, he stated that after the dynamite was moved on one occasion he heard make the statement that the dynamite had been moved again and thereafter went to the location and personally looked into the shack and saw the dynamite had been moved. He stated he does not have any idea for does he have any information as to the place to which the dynamite was later moved from the shack, nor the identity of the persons moving it. He explained he has been reluctant	b6 b7C b7D

to exhibit any interest in the dynamite inasmuch as he might create undue suspicion.	b6 b7C
On July 17, 1952 Confidential Informant T-1 advised that is and has been a member of the Orlando Klavern of the Association of Georgia Klans for several months He stated he has heard remarks made by and in which they praised as being a loyal and dependable Klansman who can be depended on for any type of service he is called upon to perform.	Ъ7D]
Confidential Informant T-1 stated he has often observed engaged in confidential talk with and other officials of the Klan in small "huddles". He said it is his impression that is well regarded by the "higher ups" in the Orlando Klavern.	
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent	b6 b7C
The records of the County Tax Assessor's Office for Orange County were checked to determine the owner of property located on the north side of Cheney Highway between Herman and Jamajo Streets in Orlando. cords it was determined that this property is described as lots 10 and 11 of Block T of Jamajo Sub-Division and the recorded owner is shown as	I
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents	b6 b7C
on Cheney Highway, was interviewed and advised that he has lived in the vicinity of the described property for 27 years. He stated the property to his knowledge, has been owned by and that has never leased, rented or sold any part of this property to his knowledge. stated he has known all these years and that the only thing he knew about of a derogatory nature was that he used to drink to	

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excess but to the best of his knowledge since appears to have quit drinking in the past year. He advised he did not know whether had
any use for or any knowledge of dynamite or whether there was any dynamite
kept on the lot on which there is what appears to be a garage apartment abd
believes it to be occupied by one of
advised he did not know whether was connected in any way with the Klan and has noticed no suspicious characters or questionable characters on this property which is used more or less as a parking space for trucks and an old broken-down car.
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AT SANFORD, FLORIDA.
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Bureau, exhibited the credit record for HOPPER at that agency, which contains
the following information:
HOPPER'S name is given as SAMUEL W. HOPPER, Jr., Post Office Box
1218, Sanford, Florida. The record contains a copy of report of Credit Bureau
from Chipley, Florida which reflects HOPPER resided in Chipley in 1949 and
was employed with WOODMEN of the World as an insurance salesman. His credit
record was considered satisfactory.
The record of the Sanford Credit Bureau reflects that HOPPER located
in Sanford July, 1949, was 40 years of age at that time, married and the father of four children. In 1949 he had a checking account at the Florida State
Bank with an average balance of \$600.00; his employment was listed as being
with the Woodmen of the World. The record indicated he rented a house from
He left this
residence owing an unknown amount of rent. Thereafter he rented a house from
and was subsequently brought into small claims court for back

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	payment in rent and a \$103.40 settlement was made.
	The record indicates he was also indebted to, Seabcard Service Station, Sanford, Florida.
,	A statement is contained in the credit record that HOPPER has a record of issuing bad checks, also that he operated RUBY's Liquor Store from July, 1950 to May, 1951 at which time the establishment was destroyed by fire "under stange circumstances". The insurance company made a settlement of the claim.
	advised that HOPPER has been employed with the City Ice Company, Sanford but was fired due to a shortage in his account approximately two weeks previously. His present employment and address, according to are unknown to the Sanford Credit Bureau.
•	Seaboard Oil Company, advised HOPPER has an unpaid bill for \$72. with the Seaboard Oil Company. He said HOPPER did not have a particularly good reputation in Sanford due to his credit rating and there is a question concerning the fire which destroyed RUBY's Liquor Store, a former business operated by HOPPER.
	Crumley Monteith Insurance Company, stated that he handled the insurance for HOPPER on RUBY's Liquor Store. He said HOPPER became affiliated in the liquor business with one now residing in Orlando. He advised that purchased a \$5,000. policy January 5, 1951 and HOPPER took over this policy a month or two later with a payment of \$87.70 which was the first of eight monthly payments to be made by HOPPER.
	According to at approximately 10:30 P.M. Sunday, May 20, 1951 a fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed RUBY's Liquor Store. At the time of the fire HOPPER was reportedly in either Georgia or South Carolina.
Г	An investigation was made of the fire by
L	\$5,000. was an excessive evaluation of the equipment actually in Ruby's Liquor Store and HOPPER finally settled for \$2,800. indicated that he suspected arson in this matter but he did not make any statements

along these lines or afford any specific information in this regard.

ROY C. WILLIAMS, Chief of Police, Sanford Police Department, advised that HOPPER does not have an arrest record with the Sanford Police Department. Chief WILLIAMS stated he does not know HOPPER.

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and that he had resided in a house owned by and had also	
resided in a house owned by of Sanford. She advised that	
and both experienced difficulty in collect-	
ing rent from and she described and as persons who	
were not reputable, their poor reputation being due to their poor credit	
rating and drinking habits. She said that moved from the area and	
she heard, the source of which she is unable to recall. that had be	
instructed his children not to divulge the place to which they were moving.	
advised she had rented a house on Crystal Lake, Osceola	
County, to approximately five months in 1948 or 1949. She stated	
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but that she knew nothing further concerning him.	•
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strictly to the Sanford area and he had had no occasion to visit Mims or Titusville areas in connection with his position.
was questioned as to an alleged bearing of one of his negro employees. He stated had been accosted in his home in November, 1951 by several white men who took him for a ride and whipped him. He stated he questioned concerning this ride but stated he was unable to identify any of the white men other than that there were ten or twelve involved.
According to was unable to provide any information as to why this whipping occurred stated was off work for several days due to the beating. He stated returned to work and continued to work until December 17, 1951. At that time there were two small signs posted on his place of business, the City Ice Company, which read "The Klan Rides Again". They were printed in red. After the posting of these signs, resigned at the City Ice Company.
stated was considered an extremely reliable and well-behaved negro and he knew of no instances where he had any difficulty with white men. He stated the relationship between always appeared to be good although he never observed either in any lengthy conversation around his place of business. It was determined from the records that
recalled also in connection with that he reported the incident to both the City Police and the Sheriff's Office in Sanford; however, the City Police had no jurisdiction as the beating occurred in the county and the Sheriff's Office conducted no investigation other than offering the suggestion that should arm himself with a shotgun and shoot anyone who entered his yard.
recalled the events of the bearing received at the hands of several white men on November 14, 1951. He stated he had worked that day and returned to his home around 5:00 P.M. He said his wife had gone out of the house on an errand to the store and later he himself went to the store and returned home. Both he and his wife retired about 9:00 P.M. and at 9:30 a car stopped in front of

his house. He stated that he looked out of the window and saw some white men looking at his car and stating words to the effect "this is his car".

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According to _____ he thought possibly his wife could have been involved in an accident or something might have occurred so he started to dress to go outside to ascertain the difficulty.

He stated he heard the car pull away and within seconds the same car which he believed to be an old two-door Pontiac sedan returned with a second car. He stated he turned on the light and proceeded to the door, at which time four or five men immediately pushed open the door, advising they were the law and with guns drawn. He said he recalled that at least one had a sawed off shotgun and at the same instant they entered they turned off the light, making it difficult for him to observe their faces.

He said two of them grabbed him while one went to the bedroom and warned his wife not to get out of bed. They immediately placed him face down on the floor of the second car in line. While lying on the rear floor two men got in the back and held revolvers, making him keep his face down and at least three were in the front seat.

He stated they drove what seemed to be 20 or 30 minutes when the car stopped. He said he complied with instructions to crawl out of the car face down and crawl to a spot several yards from the automobile. He said he was able to observe several men's legs standing in a semi-circle around him. He also observed, the night being moonlit, several men with revolvers.

At that point he was beaten with what he believed to be a heavy strap. He said the beating was on his back, buttocks and legs and lasted 15 or 20 minutes. He said he was of the opinion 4 or 5 men participated, one at a time, in this beating. During the course of the beating he was cursed and the only statement of significance directed toward him was that it would teach him how to recognize white folks.

stated that after the completion of the beating he was directed not to move and that a truck would be sent back for him. He said he distinctly recalled hearing four automobiles start and leave the area. He said he was afraid to move due to the possibility of someone remaining at the spot.

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He finally got up and wandered through the undergrowth and saw a sign which had been knocked down saying "Mullet Lake". He realized his whereabouts as he had often fished in that area. From that point he was able to make his way to the highway some ten miles from his home. He started to walk and was met on the highway by his was looking for him as his wife had contacted him regarding the abduction. In stated it was necessary for him to lay off work for about two weeks and that he is still under doctor's care in that the beating has caused some glandular condition.
He stated he went back and worked at the ice plant until one Sunday in December when two Ku Klux Klan signs appeared on the ice house. This caused him to believe he was the object of these signs and he immediately quit.
stated he is at a loss to understand why he was beaten and he has on numerous occasions attempted to reason or place some incident that caused the beating. He was questioned as to his relationship with and advised that his relationship was excellent with and that on numerous occasions he assisted in his collections in the colored quarters. He stated that, as a matter of fact, had been to his house July 5, 1952 to make his collection on an ice box purchased by from the City Ice Company. He said at that time advised he was planning to resign in that his back had been bothering him.
Numerous photographs of Klansmen were exhibited to without identification other than that of He stated he has known his brother and father for a number of years and had the highest regard for these men. He pointed out that he never got a look at any of the abductors but was of the opinion he would recognize the voice of one of them. He also stated he had no hesitancy in describing the incident and the beating nor did he have any hesitancy in identifying these persons.
AT EUSTIS, FLORIDA.
Public Service Company (utilities). Eustis. advised he had no record of application for service for He advised that Bob's Poolroom was formerly operated by who is now employed by the telephone company. The building in which the poolroom is

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operated is owned byin whose name electric service for the pool- room is maintained.
Inquiry at the Seminole County License Tag Bureau reflected that
Sanford, Florida, had a 1949 two-door Ford ac-
quired in 1948 registered to him, his 1951 registration number was and the automobile presently bears 1952 license number. The motor number of this car is
AT ORLANDO, FLORIDA,
Inquiry at the public utilities at Orlando disclosed that resided at a spot surveillance of this residence revealed no activity and the neighborhood investigation was conducted.
Through the neighborhood investigation it was determined that and his family moved July 12, 1952 to Eustis, Florida, where is pre-
sently operating a poolroom. It was determined in Eustis that
are presently operating Bob's Poolrocm.
The Orlando Credit Bureau made available a credit report on
giving an address of Orlando, which re-
port was dated December 20, 1945. The report indicated that the Florida
the above address without satisfying a mortgage. Another statement in the report indicated that this matter had been satisfied.
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A second report dated April 16, 1951 reflected that at was operating RUBY's Restaurant in Sanford, Florida.
AT EUSTIS, FLORIDA.
On July 25, 1952 was interviewed at Bob's Poolroom, located on the main street in Eustis, Florida, which
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stated he joined the Orlando Klavern of the Association of
Georgia Klans during July, 1951 and denied he had ever been affiliated with
the Klan prior to that time. He also stated he has never been elected to an

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office in the Klan although he has helped a number of times on the Klokann Committee. He also stated that for approximately two weeks after he joined the Klan in 1951 he was engaged in obtaining new members for the Klan. In this regard he stated he was not very successful and discontinued such efforts after approximately two weeks.

He denied having ever participated in a "ride" or any other type of Klan terrorist activity. He claimed the first time he ever heard of HARRY T. MOORE was when he read of the incident in the newspapers of the bombing at Mims, Florida. He also denied he had ever heard the name of MOORE discussed at any Klan meetings.

he operated a poolroom in Fort Myers which was the property of his father who is now deceased. He said that after arriving in Crlando he operated a poolroom on West Central Avenue in Orlando for six or seven months, after which time he left Orlando and went to Newberry, South Carolina.

He explained that while in Newberry, South Carolina he was unemployed but did succeed in purchasing a farm near Newberry and for approximately one year he farmed. After a year's farming he returned to Tampa, Florida, where he was employed at the Day-Mar Drive In, a fruit and vegetable business. He said that he remained in the employ of Day-Mar Drive In for a short period of time and then obtained employment with the Woodmen of the World as an insurance salesman.

His employment with Woodmen of the World necessitated a change of residence from Tampa, Florida to DeFuniak Springs, Florida and subsequent thereto to Bonifay, Florida. He stated he is unable to recall the dates or approximate time he spent in the aforementioned places.

After a short period of time at Bonifay, Florida, he was transferred to Chipley, Florida, as Assistant State Manager of Woodmen of the World Insurance Department. He said he remained in Chipley for approximately four months and then came to Sanford, Florida, while in the employ of the Woodmen of the World.

After a short time in Sanford he discontinued his employment with Woodmen of the World and became engaged in the operation of RUBY's Liquor Store. He stated that this business burned to the ground on May 20, 1951 and thereafter he obtained employment with the City Products Corporation, being employed at the City Ice Company in Sanford, Florida, which is owned and operated by the City Products Corporation.

He said he sold ice boxes and refrigerators for the City Ice Company until approximately three months ago when he moved to Orlando, Florida.

On July 12, 1952 he moved his family to Eustis, Florida and rented a house on McDonald Street in Eustis. He stated he began the operation of Bob's Poolroom in Eustis having leased the building and is presently in the process of paying for the pool tables.

Throughout the interview emphatically denied any knowledge of any Klan terrorist activities or any knowledge whatsoever of the MCORE bombing. He stated during the interview he did not care to discuss any activities of other members of the Klan inasmuch as he has taken an oath never to discuss such matters.
was questioned regarding the flogging of He stated he had heard from one of the white supervisors, the exact name he was unable to recall, of the City Ice Company that confided in that person that he, had received a flogging from un- known persons. He stated had never told him anything regarding the flogging had received and the only information he has regarding the flogging is the fact that this white supervisor had stated that had said he had been flogged. He denied having any difficulty with any colored persons or employees of the City Ice Company and added that he and "got along very well".
He emphatically denied he had any animosity or any reason or cause to arrange for a flogging of stating that had always been very respectful and helpful to him.
was questioned specifically regarding the beating of, Florida, as well
as the bombing of the CREAMETTE in Orlando, Florida. He denied having any knowledge or information regarding either incident. He admitted he had often purchased ice cream at the CREAMETTE and Custard Stand across the street but denied he had ever made any statement at either place to the effect that the operators should open a separate service window for negroes. He stated he had never had any difficulty at either place and never engaged in any discussions with the operators, however he did relate that on numerous occasions negroes were standing in line when he was making purchases.
During the interview was advised that information has been received that he is the individual who approached the operators of the CREAMETTE and CUSTARD Stand and told them they should open a separate service window for negroes. emphatically denied that he had ever done such a thing however readily admitting that he had frequently purchased cream at both places.
In regard to the bombing of the MOORE residence, stated a few

years ago he frequented the area of Mims, Florida, during which time he was in the employ of the Woodmen of the World. He denied he has been to Mims recently or that he had ever had any occasion to learn of HARRY T. MOCRE. was also questioned during the interview as to his knowledge of dynamite and he emphatically denied he has ever handled dynamite or had any knowledge of any Klansmen ever possessing or handling dynamite. The following is a physical description of			
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Education			
Military service Arrest record	None Denies any.		
Confidential Informant T-1 advised on July 22, 1952 that has for several months been an active member of the Orlando Klavern of the Association of Georgia Klans. He stated in this regard that at a meeting held of the Klavern on July 21, 1952 acted as presiding officer and the meeting at that time was addressed by			

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AT ORLANDO, FLORIDA

CECIL LANGDALE

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that CECIL LANGDALE is the head of the Klokann Committee of the Orlando Klavern, Association of Georgia Klans. He has been an active Klansman, according to the informant, for many years and has been known directly by the informant as an active Klansman since July, 1951.

A check of the criminal records at the Orlando Police Department and the Orange County Sheriff's Office failed to disclose any criminal record for this individual:

order of other a statistic and other
dated September 22, 1950, which showed LANGDALE as having a satisfactory
credit record, he resided at 907 Plymouth Street
IANGDALE, according to the credit report, is self employed as a
contractor.
contractor.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent
On July 14, 1952, through the assistance of
Orlando Air Force Base, the records were checked for any employment for
CECIL LANGDALE: A payroll card was located indicating that LANGDALE was
employed at the Air Base from April 7, 1943, to January 9, 1946, as a boiler
operator and general maintenance mechanic. LANGDALE was born October 14,
1902, and his Social Security Number is 264-01-6742. At the time he was
employed at the Air Base his residence address was 1023 North Greenwood,
Orlando. LANGDALE claimed a five point veterans preference and his entrance
salary was \$2100 per annum later being increased to \$2300. The last year of
his employment his salary rate was \$1.11 per hour.
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At the time LANGDALE resigned he showed his forwarding adoress
as He gave as his
reason for his resignation "to enter private business." The payroll card
indicated that LANGDALE's personnel file had been forwarded to the Federal
Records Center at St. Louis, Missouri. By teletype dated July 22, 1952,
the St. I wis Office was requested to check the Federal Records Center and

furnish Miami with photostatic copies of his personnel file.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents and	
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acquainted with for about two years. She said he was employed as a carpenter and is usually away from his residence from about 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. She stated are well liked and well	Ъ7
regarded in the neighborhood. She advised she had noticed social gatherings, including both sexes, at the LANGDALE residence and that on occasion two or three men would come and pick up Mr. LANGDALE. She did not know the purpose of these calls and stated they occurred sometimes during the day, sometimes at night and sometimes on weekends.	4 24
Photographs of members of the Orlando Klavern were exhibited to but she did not recognize any of these individuals. She commented these men frequently carried fishing equipment with them. She stated that is childless and during the fruit season works in a packing house.	
that they were casually acquainted with the but maintained no particular social contact with them. They stated LANGDALE is employed as a carpenter and sometimes does his own contracting. They were unable to comment on the comings and goings of the the company they kept and their habits.	b6 b7С
They were interrogated concerning the attitude of the various neighbors concerning the Negro school built adjacent to their property and each stated everyone in the neighborhood resented the construction and that the protests were no stronger than those of other neighbors. The were unable to recognize photographs of Orlando Klavern members which were exhibited to them.	
were unable to furnish pertinent information concerning the claiming they knew only that they were in the neighborhood.	b6 b7C

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have many friends visiting them, but most are couples and relatives.	
She said Mr. LANGDALE's friends frequently come with fishing equipment,	
but she has not noticed any large gatherings of individuals or any suspicious	
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photographs of members of the Orlando Klavern and claimed she did not	
recognize any, but advised that the photograph of was somewhat familiar.	
Confidential Informant T-1 has advised that LANGDALE is and	
has been an active member of the Orlando Klavern of the AGK for several years.	b6
He stated that LANGDALE is presently head of the Klokann Committee	b7c
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He characterized LANGDATE as an active member and one who regularly attends	
the Klan meetings. According to T-1, LANGDALE was cited for outstanding	
service at the Klan meeting of July 21, 1951, by Executive	
Secretary of the Association of Georgia Klans. T-1 stated that he does not	
know the nature of the service for which LANGDALE was cited, but he described	
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IANGDALE as a very loyal member of the Klan and one who impressed the informant	
as being ready to engage in any type of terrorist activities. Informant stated	.
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Confidential Informant T-2 advised that to his own knowledge	
LANGDALE is a handler of dynamite	
handling dynamite as set out above when the dynamite bombs were prepared for	
the blowing up of the CREAMETTE.	
has discussed with CECIL LANGDALE the handling of dynamite	
particularly with regard to the blowing up of the new Negro high school which	
was constructed by Orange County Board of Education close to LANGDALE's home.	
LANGDALE stating that he could make	
any kind of a bomb with a fuse set so he, LANGDALE, could get from here	•
(Orlando) to Apopka before it went off.	l '
LANGDALE uses only the powder fuse. He has never heard	.b6
him discuss using any type of electric cap and fuse.	.b70
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in the Klokann Committee of the Orlando Klavern of the AGK.	b6 b7C b7D
Confidential Informant T-1 has also advised that is a member of the Orlando Klavern of the AGK and has been an active member of the Klokann Committee since January, 1952. According to informant is a close associate of	
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents, and	
Neighborhood	
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advised that had resided at his present address since he, moved into the neighborhood in approximately 1948. stated that had formerly worked at some night club on Orange Blossom Trail, possibly Gary's Duck-Inn (later determined to be the El Ratio). stated has been doing plumbing work for approximately two years and that his reputation in the neighborhood is excellent. He referred the Agents to an individual known as	
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were unable to comment on but also referred the Agents to	
had formerly been a bartender at the El Patio Night Club and had been residing at his present address five or six years. He claimed he had been in the residence only twice in the time he has lived there and knows very little about them.	
A check of the records of the Orlando Credit Bureau reflected that on December 23, 1941, resided at . His wife was employment was indicated as Salesman and serviceman being employed by Grant's Store. A credit report of October, 1947, indicates the birth of a white child to	

Records of the Orange County License Tag Bureau reflect	
has registered to him 1941 Plymouth sedan, Motor Number having been acquired in 1946. It previously bore 1951 tag and presently has issued 1952 tag This tag was issued January 11, 1952.	
On July 24, 1952, was interviewed by Special Agents and FRANK F. MEECH, at his residence located on Narcoosec Road, Orange County. admitted that he is a member of the Ku Klux Klan belonging to the Orlando Klavern of the AGK. stated that to the best of his recollection he joined the Klan in the early fall of 1951. In January, 1952, he was elected to the Klokann Committee where he served as a until he was dropped about one month or six weeks ago at his own request. He stated that he did not have sufficient time to participate as a Klokann Committeeman and therefore he asked to be dropped. emphatically denied that he had ever participated in any "rides" or other Klan terrorist activity. did not deny that some members of the Klan participated in "rides", but he would not admit knowledge to any activities.	
When questioned specifically concerning the bombing of the CREAMETTE, though visibly upset and nervous, denied any knowledge or participation. He claimed the only time he ever heard of the CREAMETTE was after he read about the bombing in the newspapers.	C.
emphatically denied having any knowledge of, or participation in the bombing of HARRY T. MCORE at Mims, Florida. Concerning his own personal activity on Christmas Day and evening of 1951, related that he was at his home most of the day. He stated his entire	
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any dynamite at his home. also admitted knowing at the b7C Klan Hall. admitted knowing EARLY BROOKLYN and has seen him on one or two occasions at the Klan Hall. He has never been a close associate of BROOKLYN.
Concerning stated that he has known him for quite a few years having met before he personally became a member of the Klan. He stated that he first met on a construction job at the same time that he met advised that was the Exalted Cyclops of the Orlando Klavern at the time he joined the Klan in 1951. admitted knowing the following individuals:
J. B. JOHNSON - Has known him for approximately two years and has seen him in the Klan Hall.
MARION ED. ARD WADE - Does not know him personally but met him at the Klan Hall.
CECIL LANGDALE - Met him about one month after joining the Klan, b6 does not know him very well and is not close b70 to him personally.
- Met him on a used car lot. Does not know him very well.
- Does not know him.
- Does not know him.
CALVIN BURCH - Knows him as a Klansman.
- Does not know him.
- Does not know him
- Knows him as a Klansman.
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The following is a de observation and interrogation:	escription ofas obtained through b7C
Name Wife Date of birth Place of birth Height Weight Hair Eyes Complexion Occupation Scars and marks Army service	145 Brown, slight, receding temples, high forehead. Blue Ruddy None
Discharge Father Mother Brothers	honorable
Sister	
Daughter	,
shotgun allegedly owned by single-shot 16 or 20 gauge shotgun year ago. They stated he fishes so	mpt to develop information concerning a They stated had owned a but had disposed of it approximately a ome and hunts a little, but at the present of kind. They said they were not aware of

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membership in the Klan and generally did not approve of the acts of violence which have of late been attributed to the Klan. stated that years ago he had thought the Klan was a good organization, but at that time they did not resort to the violence which has been in evidence of late. It was suggested to the that they discuss activities with him in an effort to cause him to cooperate with this Bureau in this investigation.
available 1952 registrations for automobiles registered in the name of One registration was for a two-door 1941 Ford, issued January 25, 1952. This was for 1952 tag . The car had borne 1951 Florida tag .
The second car registered towas a 1947 Ford coupe for which 1952 Florida tagwas issued February 7, 1952. This car had had 1951 Florida tagwhich had been issued to Florida.
On July 19, 1952, was interviewed at the Orlando Resident Agency by Special Agents and FRANK F. MAECH. stated that he joined the Orlando Klavern of the AGK in June or July of 1951, the exact date he was unable to recall. He said that he was vouched for and recruited by who is presently employed with wamcree Contractors and Builders. stated that was Exalted Cyclops of the Klavern at the time joined. admitted being acquainted with CECIL LANGDALE and denied that he has any information whatsoever regarding any terrorist activity on the part of any Klansmen. He stated that he has never been on any "ride" or has any information regarding any "rides."
He was questioned as to whether or not he engaged in the shooting - flogging of the Wegro Taxi cab driver of Winter Garden, Florida. He admitted that he formerly cwned a 1947, Red Ford business coupe which he claimed was wrecked and thereafter junked. He denied ever lending this car to any fellow Klansman for any purpose whatsoever. In this connection Confidential Informant T-2 had previous to the interview advised that car which had been used on the ride has been wrecked and junked. He stated that his parents are aware of the fact that he is a member of the Orlando Klavern of the AGK. He characterized

his activities in the Klan as being comprized as merely attendance at the meetings. He also said he has never held any office in the Klan or temporarily indicated that the Klan certainly would served in any such capacity. not participate in any terroxist activity because the Klan is "just like going to church". as obtained from The following is a description of observation and interrogation: Name Age Date of birth Place of birth Residence Parents 51 911 Height 7/eight 139 Hair Light brown to blond Eyes Blue Marital status Single Complexion Ruddy Peculiarities Brothers Sisters Selective Service Arrest record

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motor. Denies being fingerprinted claims merely questioned.	7
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According to information received from Confidential Informant T-2 was one of the participants of the bombing of the CREAME.TE.	
On July 18, 1952, was interviewed by Special Agents and also goes by the nicknames and He advised he lives at	и
and operates a grocery at	
grade at Sanford Elementary School and attended two years of vocational school in Sanford. He enlisted in the Navy May 6, 1943, and was honorably discharged as a Seaman Second Class on March 9, 1946. His Navy Serial Number was	
Stated he has been a member of the Ku Klux Klan, Orlando Klavern, for approximately one year. He stated, however, that he is approximately four months in arrears in his dues at the present time and has not attended any Klan meetings since March. He denied that he had participated in any "rides" or in any Klan bembings or b atings or that he had taken part in any Klan activities other than attending meetings. He stated he was involved in an automobile accident in banford on February 25, 1952, which resulted in the death of a Negro and that he is presently out on \$1,000 bend on a manslaughter charge in Seminole County Circuit Court. He stated that in addition his brother is being sued civilly by the survivors of the Negro inasmuch as was driving his brother's automobile at the time of the accident.	
was asked concerning a number of members of the Orlando Klavern and inquiry was made of him as to whether he was acquainted with any of these persons. He stated the only one he knew was and he stated that if he had been acquainted with the others he would certainly state such.	

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is described as follows:	V.		
Name Address			
Phone Age Born Place of birth Height Weight Build Eyes Hair Wife Children Tattoos	5°7°° 225 Stocky, heavy Hazel Black. curly		
NSN Occupation			
was determined that under Docket Number reckless driving, \$11. bond was estreated Under Docket Number R-45332 da	ice Department were checked and it M-36628 dated June 17, 1946, charge ed by		
and battery, estreated \$27. bond. Under Docket R-46057 dated Feb battery, showed \$50. bond or 15 days.	oruary 22, 1952, charge assault and		
It was also determined at this time of interview thatdrives a 1934 black Ford coupe, 1952 Florida tag			

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THOMAS WILLIAM STUCKEY

According to information received from Confidential Informant T-2, STUCKEY was one of the participants of the bombing of the CREAMETTE.

The fol	<u>lowing investiga</u> t	ion was	${\tt conducted}$	by	Special	<i>igents</i>
and			23, 1952.			

Investigation at the Orange County Auto Tag Agency, Orlando, reflected the following registrations for the year 1951 in the name of T. WYSTUCKEY and THOMAS W. STUCKEY, Route 2, Box 29, Maitland, Florida:

- 1. Tag 7-19613, 1937 Chevrolet sedan registered January 15, 1951, Motor Rumber 977849. It had 1950 tag 7-12458.
- 2. Tag 7-25007, 1940 Chevrolet coupe, application for transfer of registration January 29, 1951, Motor Number 3252609. It had 1950 tag 7-17626.
- 3. Tag 7-22645, Ford, year not given, two-door sedan, application for transfer October 10, 1951, Motor Number 18-3800259.

Information was received that STUCKEY was and is in possession of a 1934 Dodge. Records at the Orange County Tag Agency failed to reflect a 1951 registration to STUCKEY for this automobile. However, a 1952 registration was found which reflects a tag number 7-22654 for 1934 Dodge four-door sedan registered January 15, 1952, Motor Number DR 17043, showing date acquired 1948. This car was registered to T. W. STUCKEY, Route 2, Box 12B, Maitland.

It was ascertained, as will be shown through subsequent interview, that Route 2, Box 12B, Maitland, is identical with Route 2, Box.29, Maitland, due to an official change in box numbers; therefore, T. W. STUCKEY is the same individual.

Investigation revealed that T. W. STUCKEY is employed as a painter for McCree Contractors, 2110 Chicago Street, Orlando, and on this date was working at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Livingston and Ruth Streets, Orlando. Observation at this address revealed a 1934 dark blue Dodge sedan as the car of Mr. STUCKEY and it is now carrying tag 90-529.

Investigation at the County Clerk's Office, Court House, Orlando, Driver's License Section, reflected 1951 Chauffeur's License Number 97286 issued to THOMAS W. STUCKEY which contained the following information:

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Birth date Height Weight Eyes

Blue Painter

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Occupation Address

Route 2, Box 29 Maitland, Florida

December 7, 1901

The records also reflected a 1952 Chauffeur's License Number 116570 issued to STUCKEY containing the same descriptive data.

Upon interview STUCKEY advised he had joined the Klan about a year ago through the use of a letter addressed to a box in Atlanta, Georgia. He stated he entered the Klan through his own volition and desire. Upon being asked who was Exalted Cyclops at the time of his joining the Orlando Klavern he advised it was

Upon being asked if he knew anything about dynamite or had handled dynamite or was acquainted with its use he answered negatively. He stated he did not know anything about it, had never used it and did not know how to use it.

CREAMETTE, the Case and the Mims Case and he advised he knew nothing of any of the cases. He advised that at the time of the CREAMETTE bombing and the Mims bombing he was at home.

Upon being asked whether he had ever been invited to participate in any "ride" or act of violence he answered no. He stated he had no knowledge of rides or any cases of violence of any kind were perpetrated by the Klan.

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Upon questioning as to whether he had ever been in trouble STUCKEY advised that in the 1920s he was convicted in Leesburg, Florida

for grand larceny and served a year in the County Jail. He advised that not even his children know anything about this conviction and no one else.

The following is a description of STUCKEY obtained through observation and interrogation:

Name THOMAS VILLIAM STUCKEY

Address Route 2, Box 29,

Maitland, Florida (near Forest City)

Race White .
Sex Male

Birthdate December 7, 1902
Birthplace Leesburg, Florida

Height 5' 8"
Weight 155
Hair Blond

Eyes Blue, wears glasses

Social Security No. 100-10-1638 Occupation Painter

Scars and marks Bottle cut scar under right side

lower right arm;

half scar inside right wrist; small scar upper left forehead;

small scar left side chin

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OTIS SELMA PHELPS

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent,

A check of the records of the Orlando Credit Bureau reflected that PHELPS was the subject of a credit report dated October 17, 1939, showing his address as 536 West Central and 462 Macy Street, Orlando, Florida. There was a marriage announcement contained in this report dated January 19, 1941, showing the marriage of OTIS PHELPS at Orlando on December 29, 1940. In January, 1941, the credit report reflected PHELPS as employed by the Dr. Phillips Company. His age was shown as 30 A credit report dated November 23, 1948,

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Company as an	s as employed for four years by the Hubbard Constru n equipment man earning \$65 to \$70 per week. The construction that an adoption decree was si	redit
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of	The attorney handling this matter was	, 110 12-110
	The following investigation was conducted by Speci	al Agent
Neighborhood		
	Route 5, Box 588A Orlando Gar: ens Road	e en
where PHELPS family.	Investigation in the area of Box 588A Route 5, Orl resides, revealed only a few persons who know PHEI	
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	advised they have known the	four years.
They stated 1	PHELPS is engaged in the construction business and	
	open body Ford truck and a 1950 or 1951 Plymouth au	tomobile.
They stated a	at the time of interview	
to have an or	1	re considered They stated
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of the Ku Klu	· — —	
Γ	The following investigation was conducted by Speci	al Agents
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PHILPS was interviewed on his road job where he was operating a grader on a new road being constructed North of Orlando between Routes U.S. 441 and U.S. 17-92. It is noted that he cwns and operates his own grader for the Hubbard Construction Company.

He advised he has been a member of the Klan for approximately seven or eight months. He stated he joined shortly before Christmas 1951 but that he has not been regular in his attendance at meetings. He stated that the fellows in the group have been "after him" for his irregular

attendance at these meetings. He indicated he thinks they are mainly hungry for his dues.

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PHELPS stated he spent Christmas Day with

Street. He stated he had dinner at about 1:00 PM. He was unable to accurately account for the rest of the day, but stated he probably played pool at the Colonial Billiards on Colonial Drive in Colonialtown, Orlando. When it was called to his attention that the pool rooms were probably closed on Christmas he stated he might have been thinking of Thanksgiving Day in connection with playing pool. He stated he could not recall definitely what he did Christmas, but stated positively he did not leave Orlando.

PHELPS stated he has not personally used dynamite, but has seen it used by the Hubbard Construction Company in the blowing of stumps. He stated he has on occasion helped to move dynamite from one location to another on the job, but has not had any connection with it away from the job.

When questioned concerning his knowledge of or participation in any of the acts of violence related to this matter PHELPS stated he knew nothing about those incidents, that he did not know definitely that the Klan was implicated in them, but figured the Klan might have been implicated. When asked if he knew a group of Orlando Klansmen whose names were mentioned to him he stated he knew most of them, but he did not know or he stated he was beginning to doubt if the Klan were the type of organization to which he wished to belong. He stated he had joined the Klan because the fellows he played pool with were in the Klan and they pressed him to join.

He did not appear to know too much about the Klan or its purposes and stated he thought there was some sort of naturalization ceremony through which he was supposed to go, but he had never gone through this ceremony.

It was noted PHELPS mentioned he very definitely disapproved of the murder of the MOOREs, that he had lost some members of his family some years ago in a house fire.

The following description of PHELPS was secured by observation and interview:

OTIS SELFAMPHELPS

Name OTIS (
Race White Sex Male

Birthdate February 27, 1910
Birthplace Hartford, Alabama
Height 5' 11"

Weight 210

Hair Dark brown Eyes Hazel

Complexion Wife

Characteristic

Occupation

Pot-bellied

Heavy Equipment Operator

EARL BAILEY

Medium

The	following	investigation	n was	cond	ucted	by Specil	Agents
	and	on	July	19,	to 24,	1952.	

Office, advised that he had determined there had been an R. EX BATLEY "at Route 3, Box 389. This individual had changed his address February 13, 1952, to 2800 North Rio Grande and at a subsequent, but unknown date to 1142 Fairview Shores Drive, Orlando. Fairview Shores Drive was formerly Lakeview Drive, according to the Orlando City Directory.

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R. E. BATLEY was interviewed at his place of employment at the Fosgate Growers Cooperative in the Forest City Section. He is employed as field foreman. BAILEY admitted he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan, having been in the organization since the early 1940s. He stated that at Christmas 1951 he was residing at Fleming Heights in the Kings Division (this is apparently Route 3, Box 389). He was unable to accurately account for his movements on Christmas Day, but stated he had Christmas dinner at home and spent the entire day and evening with his family. He thought he had gone to a drive-in movie, but was not sure. He denied any knowledge whatsoever of the CREAMETTE bombing or the incidents involving

and HARRY T. MOORE. He indicated he might have

heard of HARRY T. MOORE prior to the time that MOORE was killed and stated he might have heard clippings read in a Klan meeting, but that he could not be sure that they were clippings written by MOORE.

He stated he had had no connection with dynamite since he was a boy and that this connection was only because of the fact his father had been a miner in Alabama. He refused to admit that he even knew of acts of violence in which the Klan had been participating, although he had read and heard of certain acts of violence having been committed by unknown parties.' BAILEY was interrogated concerning his acquaintanceship with a number of members of the Klan in the Orlando area and he refused to admit he knew them as Klan members, but claimed he knew them socially or in a business way as he had lived in Orlando for a number of years.

BAILEY was highly nervous during the interview, trembling almost constantly.

The following description of BAILEY was obtained from observation and interview:

MAME White Race Male Sex January 6, 1907 Birthdate Birthplace East Thomas, Height 230 Weight Brilliant Blue Eyes Dark brown Hair ruddy Complexion Heavy Build b6 Wife b7C Child Peculiarities Uses glasses for reading only Field Foreman Employment Fosgate Growers Cooperative Employer

TEM/FFM:msf MM 44-270 The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents and advised he was General Agent for the American Home Mutual Insurance Company, and has operated out of his residence at the above address. He admitted Klan membership, but refused to name the individual who had recruited or to name any members of his group as members. He admitted social acquaintanceship with a number of members of the Orlando Klavern, but claimed this was strictly a social or business acquaintanceship and refused to comment on his Klavern. He was specifically interrogated concerning and stated he had had a few beers with 75' 11" tall, heavy build, with advised that sandy hair, olive complexion and married. He did not know present whereabouts. He denied participation in or knowledge of any of the acts of violence connected with this case and stated he had no knowledge whatsoever of dynamite and also stated he had never heard of HARRY T. MOORE until the incident was recounted in the press. was uncooperative and refused to divulge any information whatsoever. He was specifically interrogated concerning his activities in recruiting of members for the Klan, but denied he had ever engaged in this particular activity. When questioned concerning his own recruitment into the Klan he stated he had joined the Klan by writing to a box number in Atlanta, Georgia, which number he did not remember. He stated he was not actually recruited but entered the Klan through his own volition by the above means. The following description of was secured by observation and interrogation: Name Race White Male Sex: Birthdate Birthplace Fort Mcade. Florida

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Height Weight Eyes Hair Complexion Build Characteristics Military service	6' 3½" 165 Blue, wears glasses (half circle horn-rims) Black Dark to ruddy Thin and angular	.b6 .b7С
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of the AGK and an individual who we LANGDALE and other active members of 1951 - February, 1952, he was employed from Mims) on the construction of employed by the Mann Construction of	of the Klan, and that during November, byed in Titusville, Florida (4 miles a public school. He was at that time Company. To the informants knowledge a any terrorist activity although he is	rn ·
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advised that around Christmas of 1951 his company was doing school building construction in Brevard County, specifically at Cocoa, Melbourne and Titusville. He advised that his company had operated since 1944 and that during their peak years during the war and immediately afterwards he had employed a payroll of approximately 25 men. His payroll within the last year or so has been approximately half that. He stated he is now leaving the general construction business and is entering the ready-mix concrete business at Patrick Air Force Base, Cocoa, Florida. He stated that on none of the school jobs mentioned above had his firm used dynamite.

He advised he is not a member of, the Ku Klux Klan and has never been a member.

He stated
and that his basic trade was that of carpenter. He indicated he helieved
was a member of the Klan and that he had disapproved of
membership. However, he stated he has never had any trouble with
and does not regard him as a hot-head or the type of individual who would
resort to violence. When first came to work for him he was a
mild-mannered individual and was surprised when became
associated with the Klan approximately 12 years ago. He stated
was in Brevard County from November, 1951, to February, 1952.
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During that time had full use of a 1947 red Dodge
pick-up truck owned by the Mann Construction Company. This truck had no firm
name printed on it. He stated that he was at times concerned about
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents and	•
was interviewed on July 21, 1952, at Windemere, Florida, at a construction job on Second Street where he is presently	
Upon interview advised he had been a member of the Klan for about two years. He refused to name the person who recruited him into the Klan and advised that it was against the rules and regulations to divulge names of such persons; however, upon being asked if he knew certain Klansmen known to be members of the Orlando Klavern, named to him, he readily admitted knowing the persons named.	Ъ6 Ъ7С
From November, 1951, to February, 1952, was employed by the Mann Construction Company of Orlando construction in the building of a school at Titusville. During this time he lived in Titusville at the His family remained in Orlando and made trips back and forth during the week. He advised he spent Christmas Day 1951 at home with his family, having left the job at the conclusion of work Christmas Eve at about 4:30 PM and returned to Titusville on Wednesday morning, the day after Christmas.	`
He advised that he knew nothing concerning the case of nor about the explosion at the CREAMETTE in Orlando which occurred in the early morning hours in November, 1951.	
advised he never participated in any "rides" or acts of violence reportedly committed by members of the Klan and stated further he was unaware such things took place.	b6 b7C

Upon being asked if he has been counselled in reference to answering any questions put by members of the FBI he answered negatively. The following is a description obtained from interview and observation of Name Race White Sex Male Age Birthdate Birthplace Height 61 211 190 Weight Hair Brown, wavy Eves Brown Medium 🗽 Complexion Occupation Carpenter Wife A red Dodge pick-up truck was on the construction job in Windemere bearing 1952 Florida tag | which is used by The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents , and Bumby Hardward Company, 102 West Church Street, Orlando, advised that within the past 12 months there had been no sales of dynamite to the following: Mann Construction Company b6 Hubbard Construction Company b7C West Central Plumbing Company CECIL LANGDALE stated the only sales during the past twelve month period had been to the Crange State Groves and the Public Utilities Companies. He stated the firm did not stock dynamite and had not stocked it for two years. He stated that when sales were made they were made in nothing smaller than case lots.

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Investigation reveals that thereferred	35 7 5
to by Confidential Informant T-2 as being one of the individuals who assisted in the removal of dynamite from is	ŧ
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He has been taking a summer school course at the	
University of Florida at Tallahassee and his contemplated return to his	
residence aton Monday, June 28.	
AT MIAMI, FLORIDA	
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advised that he was personally acquainted with HARRY T.	
MOORE through their mutual work in the NAACP in the Miami area.	
stated that he had never heard MOORE give any indication that MOORE had received any threats or thought that his life was in danger.	
He described MOORE as a very mild mannered, soft spoken man who never	
antagonized anyone but seemed to be very adept in always maintaining the	
best of relations between the colored and white races. He said the	
bembing of the KOORE residence came as a complete surprise to him inasmuch as he never had the slightest idea that anyone would have directed	
the slightest violence towards MOORE or the MOORE family. He said that	
MOORE was a patient type of individual, industrious in his work with the	
NAACP and thoroughly devoted to the betterment of the colored race. He	
advised that he does not know who the personal friends of HARRY T. MOORE	
or the MOORE family are. He said that he had given a great deal of thought to the death of HARRY T. MOONE and had discussed the matter with	
numerous colored persons in the Miami area, but he had not received any	•
information whatsoever as to the reason or persons responsible for the	•
bombing.	
In regard to MOORE's last activities in the Miami area,	
stated that he had heard that MOOKE came to Coconut Grove	b6 b7C
and Miami, Florida during November and it is his belief that at that time	
MOORE was in contact with Head of the NAACP Chapter	x
in Coconut Grove. According to is.employed	
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Miami, Florida on December 13, 1951, for the purpose of raising funds	
for the defense of and in the Groveland	
Case. stated that he presided at the meeting and this	
meeting was adressed by THURGOOD MARSHALL, General Counsel of the NAACP,	
stated that MOORE was not present at this meeting.	
stated that he does not know of MOORE's activity in the	
Progressive Voters League.	
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. The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents	
and .	
, Florida Employment Service,	.b6
was interviewed on June 11, 1952, at	b7c
stated the 1 st time that he saw MOORE was approximately three months	
prior to December 13, 1951. when a meeting was held in Miami to collect	
funds for the defense of and in the Groveland Case. He	
stated that he was in charge of the Coconut Grove Chapter of the NAACP	
and the last time he saw MOORE was as previously related approximately	
three months prior to December 13, 1951. He stated that MOOLE at no time	
ever gave any indication that he had received any threats against his life	
or had any idea his life was in great dangerstated that the bom	
of the MOORE residence came as a complete surprise to himself and to numer	ous
other colored persons with whom he has spoken. He said he has spoken to	
many white persons and colored persons regarding the bombing, but has not	
received any information as to the persons responsible for i. or anyone in	Ì
any way implicated in the bombing. He also advised that he does not know	•
when MOORE was last in Miami reiterating that he had not seen him for	
approximately three months before December, 1951. He stated that the NAA	.CP
Chapter in Coconut Grove and Miami were not well supported by the colored	
persons and the activity of these chapters had almost ceased prior to	
MOORE's death. He said that	
in Coconut Grove, had frequent contact with HARRY T. MOORE and	
might be able to afford some information regarding MOCRE.	
On June 12, 1952,	٦
Coconut Grove, was interviewed by Special Agent	_
stated that he was personally acquainted with HARRY T. MOC	RE
but had very little contect with MOORE for several months prior to	.b6
MOORE's death. He stated that he, had been active in NAACP work,	b7C

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but several months prior to MOORE's death had taken over the Pastorate of St. Paul Ame Church and after taking over the Pastorate he decided that he should not engage in any activity which might be deemed or characterized as being political and, therefore, he discontinued his work in the NAACP. He stated that this in no way reflected upon his attitude as not being in accord with the principles and the work of the NAACP, but he felt that being in the position of a Pastor of a church he should not engage in any work which might be looked upon as being political and he so discussed this matter with HARRY T. MOORE. He said that he was always on the best of terms with MOORE and highly regarded MOORE as an outstanding member of the colored race who had given his life for the betterment of his race. He stated MOORE at no time mentioned receiving any threats or had any idea that his life was in danger. He stated that MOORE at one time stated that he. MOORE, and his wife, HARRIETT, had lost their teaching jobs because of their work in the NAACP. He said that MOORE did not elaborate or furnish any specific details in this matter. He described MOCRE as a mild mannered man who had no personal enemies and was well regarded by both the white and colored races.

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